

House Resolution No. 3457

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements down through the years; and

Whereas, KETC Channel 9 public television in Saint Louis takes as its mission to improve the quality of life of the citizens of the Saint Louis area by creating and disseminating multimedia content that educates, engages, and inspires; and

Whereas, KETC Channel 9 first signed on as the eighth educational station in the nation on September 20, 1954, following the 1951 meeting convened by Saint Louis Mayor Joseph Darst with educational television leaders from twenty-eight cities in attendance to create a national educational television network; and

Whereas, KETC Channel 9 operates as a public trust and exercises the highest ethical and professional standards, respects its audience's intelligence, supports diversity of thought and expression, has a strong commitment to children and their parents, recognizes its role as "The Region's Storyteller" by providing local content in a way no other media outlet will, and has a deep appreciation for the media's role in shaping society; and

Whereas, in 1967 the Public Broadcasting Act created the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to dispense annual federal appropriations for public television and radio, prior to which time stations such as KETC were known as "educational broadcasting" outlets; and

Whereas, in 1969 PBS was created and began national program distribution to KETC and over one hundred other public television stations; and

Whereas, KETC enjoys tremendous local support through its "Camelot" auctions, other fund-raisers, and membership drives which has allowed it to expand its facilities and programming to include a variety of locally-produced shows, an internet presence, and high definition transmissions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and accomplishments associated with the KETC Channel 9 public television station and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of their station's founding; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to KETC Channel 9 television in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Kathlyn Fares
District No. 91

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3457, adopted May 19, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker